## BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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## MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF FILING OF RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES OF NASHUA, DISTRICT, MYSTIC & SEATTLE (NDMS/USPS-T32-1 - T32-15)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance its filing of responses to NDMS interrgatories directed to witness Fronk on August 1, 1997. The responses were due to have been filed on Friday, August 15, 1997.

Some of the interrogatories were redirected to the Postal Service for response.

The Postal Service was unable to complete the necessary consultations among responsible personnel in time to review, print, file and mail copies on Friday.

The Postal Service regrets this three-day (one working day) delay, but believes that no party has been prejudiced by it. To minimize any inconvenience to NDMS, facsimile copies of the responses are being transmitted to NDMS counsel today.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of practice.

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